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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## **BOX PCT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 1, line 1, delete "an";
line 2, delete "this" and insert --said--; delete "the step consisting in";
line 5, delete "the".

Claim 2, line 1, delete "characterized in that the" and insert --wherein--.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "Claims 1 and 2" and insert --Claim 1--; lines 1-2, delete "characterized in that the" and insert --wherein--.